Teachers of grades 7-12, Are You NCLB Highly Qualified?

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law requires specific standards in order to meet the Highly Qualified (HQ) requirement of the federal law in Section 1119 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as defined in Section 9101(23). NCLB addresses only certain core subjects: English, Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, Civics and Government, Economics, Arts, History, and Geography. The following HOUSSE guidelines pertain only to those teachers who were hired in a licensed position for which he/she is fully qualified* prior to July 1, 2005.

Highly Qualified Teachers of NCLB courses in grades 7-12

If you have a bachelor's degree, an educator license, and meet one of the following you are "Highly Qualified" (HQ) in each NCLB subject assignment:

Major, Advanced Degree, or National Board Certification	
OR	
Passed Subject Area Test	HQ
OR	
➤ Meet the High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE)	HQ

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Route 1

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Major in Field (Area) and Specific Endorsement (HQ)

Route 2

Major outside of Field (Area) and Subject Specific Endorsement PLUS 200 additional "HOUSSE points".

Field (Areas) Major or Composite	Subjects/Endorsements	
Science	Biology	Zoology
	Chemistry	Environmental Science
	Earth Science	Botany
	Integrated Science	General Science
	Physics	Aerospace
	Physical Science	Physiology
	Geology	
Social Studies	Geography	Social Studies Composite
	Civics & Government (Poli Science)	Sociology
	History	Psychology
	Economics	Anthropology
English	English	Speech
	Reading	Journalism
Mathematics	Mathematics Level 4	Mathematics Level 3
The Fine Arts	Theater	Music
	Dance	Visual Arts
Foreign Languages	Chinese	Japanese
	French	Russian
	German	Spanish

- 18 "HOUSSE points" for each semester credit of (post-endorsement) approved college/university course work in subject specific content area (Supported with transcripts or CACTUS records).
- 18 "HOUSSE points" for each semester credit in approved professional development (e.g., Subject Area Academies or Learning Communities).
- 35 "HOUSSE points" for each year of successful teaching in subject (supported with a satisfactory evaluation and/or CACTUS record; maximum of 105)

HQ - Highly Qualified NHQ - Not Highly Qualified

A teacher may always become permanently Highly Qualified by:

- Passing a content test **OR**
- Accumulating a major equivalency in an endorsement that is required to teach an assigned class

No Child Left Behind is an add-on to the current state licensing standards for endorsements and renewals.

*Does not include Letters of Authorization, State Approved Endorsement Plan, or employment in a non-licensed position..

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